

meetings, outings and genealogical sessions were conducted, concluded on Sunday, July 27 with sessions of the stake quarterly conference.

Another significant celebration came in 1947 when throughout the state the Church observed the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers. Wasatch Stake held a valley-wide celebration from July 15 through 19 and in addition hosted the Black Hawk Encampment.



The Wasatch County Dairy Princess and her court during the 1959 County Centennial celebration were, left to right, Connie Pope, attendant; Connie North, princess; Linda McGuire and Mary Alder, attendants.

The county fair was also planned for that time. A parade, featuring Miss ReNee Thacker as Wasatch County Queen was held. Attendants to the queen were Miss NaDene Sweat and Miss Eileen Dearden.

When the regular Wasatch County Fair was begun in 1925, Lyman Rich was appointed chairman and served until 1929. Other chairmen during the years have included J. M. Ritchie, 1930-38; H. Clay Cummings, 1939; J. A. Anderson, 1940; R. C. Draper, 1941 and 1943; John A. Anderson, 1947; Louis J. Adams, 1948-49; W. J. Bond, 1950; Myron C. Gale, 1951-52; Arvel McAlfee, 1953 to 1960 and J. W. Jordan, 1960-. No fairs were held in 1942 or from 1944 to 1947 because of wartime conditions.

An outstanding fair and celebration was held in 1959 when Wasatch County celebrated its centennial. Former residents came from all parts of the country to enjoy the many entertainments and reunions. Several queens and their attendants were honored, including Minnie L. Crook,



Queen of the 1959 Wasatch County Centennial was Marion Johnson, center. Her attendants were Beverly Seiter, left and Joan Ritchie, right.

"Sweetheart of Yesteryears," with her attendants Elizabeth Moulton and Alice Thacker. "Miss Wasatch of 1959" was Marion Johnson, with attendants Joan Ritchie and Beverly Seiter. "Miss Dairy Princess" was Connie North, with attendants Mary Alder, Linda McGuire and Connie Pope.

Parades, band concerts, displays, exhibits, carnival rides and attractions, beard growing contests, suppers, luncheons and barbeques, flower shows and entertainment programs were all combined to make the 100th birthday party a celebration long to be remembered. Chairmen of the centennial event were Arvel and Dove McAlfee.

Another cultural endeavor promoted by the county commission was the establishment of a county library. The first action on a library came April 10, 1919, when money was approved and a board of directors appointed.

The library was to be located in Heber City, and quarters were selected above the Heber Mercantile Company. Members of the first board of directors included John M. Ritchie, John A. Fortie, Storm McDonald, Nellie C. DeGraff and Ida Wootton. A tax levy not to exceed one mill on each dollar of taxable property in the county was approved to be used in establishing and maintaining the library. All other efforts to establish a library, such as the Heber City Library in 1907 and the early Literary Club Library, were merged with the county library when it was established.